" (c) & (d) The attention of the Member is invited to the answer given on 30th March 1953 to starred question No. 250-I by Sri M. Narayana Kurup, M.L.A."

Grant for the Tuberculosis Sanatorium at Periyaram, North Malabar.

* 702 *Q.*—SRI M. NARAYANA KURUP : Will the Hon. the Minister for Health be pleased to state—

(a) the amount of grant sanctioned by the Government for construction of a Tuberculosis Sanatorium at Periyaram, Malabar;

(b) the year in which the grant was sanctioned; and

(c) the amount paid up to 1952 and 1953 and the sum allotted in 1953–54?

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" (a) Rs. 2,17,900.

" (b) 1952.

" (c) No amount has so far been actually paid to the authorities of the Sanatorium. A sum of Rs. 1 lakh has been provided in the Budget Estimate for 1953–54."

Fair-price shops in Kakinada.

* 703 *Q.*—SRI C. V. K. RAO : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

(a) why in spite of the rise in the price of foodgrains in Kakinada and Kakinada taluk, fair-price depots are not opened; and

(b) whether the Government will take steps to open fair-price depots soon?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" The Collector of East Godavari has been permitted to open fair-price shops in the upland taluks and in the rural areas of deltaic taluks in the district."

Introduction of the Minimum Wages Act in the plantations.

* 704 *Q.*—SRI K. P. GOPALAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Industries and Labour be pleased to state whether it is a fact that the Madras Government did not enforce the Central Rules when it introduced the Minimum Wages Act in the plantations in this State and if so, the reasons?

THE HON. DR. U. KRISHNA RAO :—" The Minimum Wages (Central) Rules were issued by the Government of India. Those rules are applicable only to scheduled employments in respect of which the Government of India fixed minimum wages under the Minimum Wages Act, 1948. The Government of Madras have also fixed minimum wages in respect of the employments specified in Part I of the Schedule to the Minimum Wages Act, and employment

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in the Plantations is one among them. The rules under the Minimum Wages Act, which will be enforceable in this State, are under examination and will be issued shortly."

Opening of new high schools.

* 705 Q.—Sri P. KUNHIRAMA KIDAV: Will the Hon. the Minister for Education be pleased to state—

(a) how many new high schools have been started by the Government in Malabar since 1948;

(b) whether it is a fact that an endowment, besides pakka building and all equipments, is necessary for sanctioning private agencies to start high schools; and

(c) whether there is a proposal before the Government to enlarge the basis of grants for building and equipment of high schools?

The Hon. Dr. M. V. KRISHNA RAO:—" (a) The Government did not open any new high school in the district but they have taken over the management of two non-Government high schools.

" (b) The creation of an endowment and the provision of necessary equipment of suitable and adequate accommodation are among the essential conditions of recognition insisted upon by the Director of Public Instruction. The managements are however given time to build up the endowments in stages. They are also required to provide in the first instance the minimum equipment required for the immediate use of the school and suitable and adequate temporary accommodation.

" (c) No."

Firka Development Committees.

* 706 Q.—Sri V. R. KRISHNA AYYAR: Will the Hon. the Minister for Rural Welfare be pleased to state—

(a) whether the Government have issued any instructions that M.L.As. should not be made ex-officio members of Firka Development Committees; and

(b) whether there are any M.L.As. in Malabar who are members of Firka Development Committees?

The Hon. Sri S. B. P. PATTABHI RAMA RAO:—
" (a) No.

" (b) None."